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H. R. 6074

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to consider variations in the national average market price for different classes of wheat when determining the eligibility of wheat producers for counter-cyclical payments for the 2005, 2006, and 2007 crop years.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS (for herself, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, and Mr. SIMPSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Wheat Counter-Cycli-
5 cal Payments Enhancement Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF FLEXIBLE EFFECTIVE PRICES FOR DIF-**
2 **FERENT CLASSES OF WHEAT TO DETERMINE**
3 **ELIGIBILITY OF WHEAT PRODUCERS FOR**
4 **COUNTER-CYCLICAL PAYMENTS.**

5 Section 1104 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
6 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7914) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b), by inserting “and subject
8 to subsection (g),” after “subsection (a),”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 section:

11 “(g) SPECIAL EFFECTIVE PRICES FOR CLASSES OF
12 WHEAT.—

13 “(1) SEPARATE EFFECTIVE PRICES AUTHOR-
14 IZED.—For purposes of the 2005, 2006, and 2007
15 crop years of wheat, the Secretary shall calculate a
16 separate effective price for one or more classes of
17 wheat in recognition of the wide variations in aver-
18 age market prices for different classes of wheat,
19 which when combined under subsection (b) to deter-
20 mine a single national average market price for
21 wheat has deprived producers of those classes of
22 wheat whose price is declining, including soft white
23 wheat, of needed counter-cyclical payments.

24 “(2) CALCULATION.—For purposes of sub-
25 section (a), when the Secretary calculates a separate
26 effective price for a class of wheat under this sub-

1 section instead of subsection (b), the effective price
2 for that class of wheat shall be equal to the sum
3 of—

4 “(A) the higher of—

5 “(i) the national average market price
6 received by producers during the 12-month
7 marketing year for that class of wheat, as
8 determined by the Secretary; or

9 “(ii) the national average loan rate for
10 that class of wheat during that period, as
11 determined by the Secretary; and

12 “(B) the payment rate in effect for wheat
13 under section 1103 for the purpose of making
14 direct payments with respect to wheat.”.

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